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## **SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 6, 2006**

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**Centennial Recreation Center**

Senior Center  
171 West Edmundson

**Senior Advisory Commission**

Chair	Susan Fent
Vice-Chair	Jeannette Riley
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Betty Gardner
Committee Member	William Quenneville
Committee Member	Betty Ancheta
Committee Member	Gigi Smith

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fent called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

All Commissioners present.

### **DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

### **PLEDGE**

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernie Rusconi, a member of Community Action Group, thanked the Commissioners for all the work they do for seniors in the community and for helping to increase the senior parking at the Centennial Recreation Center.

## **VERBAL REPORTS - SAC COMMISSIONERS**

No verbal reports.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007.**

Commissioner Subocz moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ancheta seconded the motion. Motion carried (7:0). Minutes approved.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2. RESOURCES FOR THE SANDWICH GENERATION**

**Information Item.** A member of the group will provide information on the activities of the group.

Maureen Drewniany provided an overview of the activities of the group and answered questions. Chair Fent suggested that the group market to the seniors at the Nutrition Program.

### **3. HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**

**Action Item.** Commissioners will discuss the event and determine their participation at this event to be held at the Centennial Recreation Center on April 14, 2007.

After some discussion, Commissioner Ancheta moved for the SAC to participate in the Health & Wellness Fair. Commissioner Subocz seconded the motion. Motion carried (7:0). Commissioners will create a one-page flyer describing the mission of the SAC and provide a one-page senior resources mini-directory. Each Commissioner committed to taking a 2-hour shift at the SAC table. Schedule to be determined.

### **4. SENIOR RATES AT CITY FACILITIES**

**Information Item.** Commissioners will discuss the current rate structure for seniors at the Centennial Recreation Center and Aquatics Center.

Commissioners discussed the senior rates at the CRC. There was discussion relating to the fact that a senior couple would pay only a few dollars less than the regular family membership and had limited usage hours. The value to seniors and the community if rates were lower and therefore encouraged more senior participation was discussed.

CRC Supervisor, Chris Ghione, and Mt. Madonna YMCA Director, Debbie Cupp, provided background information on how the initial rate structure had been determined and indicated that staff is currently reviewing rates.

Commissioners agreed that further research and information were needed and have requested that this topic be carried over to a future agenda. CRC Supervisor Ghione will update the SAC on any changes to the rate structure. Commissioner Quenneville offered to bring some data regarding local senior income levels.

**5. SAC WORK PLAN**

**Action Item.** Work plan reports from Commissioners.

**Senior Programming at the CRC and Outreach - All Commissioners**

Chair Fent suggested that the SAC participate at the Health & Wellness Fair in April. They will also look into the possibility of sharing a booth with another entity at the Mushroom Mardi Gras and the Taste of Morgan Hill. It was further discussed that they could sell (at cost) the Council on Aging Senior Directories at these two events.

**Identify the SAC Target Population, Comprehensive List of Local Senior Resources, and Public Pedestrian Pathway Improvements - Commissioners Gardner and Quenneville**

Commissioner Quenneville reported that although preliminary work has been done on identification of the SAC target population, the item remains on hold until the City's new OES Manager is in place.

There was no report on the on the list of local senior resources.

Chair Fent reported that the advisory letter to Council on the formation of a separate accessibility committee is on the agenda for the March 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

In consideration of Commissioner Quenneville's absence at the February SAC meeting, Chair Fent reviewed Julie Spiers' presentation on the special event permit process as it related to senior accessibility at special events held on public property. Commissioner Quenneville reported that he had worked closed with Julie Spier on the ADA requirements for public events and had provided her with information that she has incorporated into the special event permit process. Commissioner Quenneville gave kudos to Julie Spier for her work on providing improved accessibility guidelines to public event planners.

**Elder Abuse - Chair Fent**

No report.

**Emergency Services Plan for Vulnerable Seniors - Chair Fent, Commissioners Ancheta and Quenneville**

Commissioner Ancheta reported that this item is on hold pending the arrival of the new OES Manager.

**Senior Transportation and Nutrition - Co-Chair Riley**

Commissioner Subocz attended a VTA meeting on the new, smaller buses that are being proposed for local routes. She reported that new routes were discussed, but not finalized. She believed that the Senior Center was one that had been proposed by VTA.

Staff Lengsfeld reported that the Council had requested that each of the citizen advisory committees prepare Workplans for Fiscal Year 2007-08 and submit them to an Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, by April 30, 2007. Commissioner Subocz moved to hold the SAC Workplan workshop at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2007 with a change in time (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) in order to accommodate the workplan discussion and a lunch break. Commissioner Quenneville seconded the motion. Motion carried (7:0).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Lengsfeld announced the Youth Advisory Committee's Annual Senior Citizen Ball, "Swing Into Spring" to be held on Saturday, April 7th at the Community and Cultural Center.

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Request for additional information on the new assisted living facilities planned for Morgan Hill. Request that City Planning staff provide a brief report at a future meeting.
2. Request for further discussion and possible action on the issue of available handicapped parking at the CRC as seniors who come to the facility for the nutrition program have indicated that the handicapped parking located closest to the Senior Center are being used by non-senior handicapped fitness club members.
3. Request for further discussion and possible action on senior rates at City facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Subocz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Quenneville seconded the motion. Motion carried (7:0). Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting on April 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room #1 at the Centennial Recreation Center, 171 West Edmundson, Morgan Hill.**